

**Appendix A:**  
**Written Public Comment on Comprehensive Conservation Plan -**  
**Issues and Comment Letters**

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>COMMENT LETTER NUMBER IN WHICH THE ISSUE IS EXPRESSED</b>	<b>TOTAL #</b>
<b>Wildlife and Habitat</b>		
Protect and restore aquatic habitats, including fish species	1, 3	2
Support tree planting	131, 173 (reforestation of indigenous species), 179 (native hardwoods), 203 (native hardwoods), 204 (native hardwoods), 232 (hardwoods), 233 (hardwoods)	7
Oppose tree planting; do not change presence of non-native short-leaf pine	2, 5, 27, 51, 169, 220, 221, 224, 229	9
Support tree removal	71, 131	2
Oppose deforestation/ logging	29, 148-157 (16 signatures), 173, 179, 230, 260	21
Keep and protect wilderness area	4, 5, 56, 69, 158, 163, 173 (preserve all land), 179, 232 (no motorized vehicles), 233 (no motorized vehicles), 234 (no motorized vehicles), 237 (expand), 280 (preserve wilderness values)	13
Prevent further introductions of exotic species (especially in wilderness areas)	5, 173, 179, 203, 204, 232, 233, 238, 273, 280	10

Protect and develop wildlife and habitat; manage wildlife populations, including geese (some for the purposes of observation)	5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 20, 21, 27, 29, 30, 37/38, 50, 53, 60, 66, 86b, 89, 90, 93, 100, 113, 124, 131 (game and non-game; including T&E), 135, 137, 142, 148-157 (T&E - 16 signatures), 167, 172, 173 (including T&E; start restoration of fragmented habitats; promote migratory bird conservation; practice shoreline and creek bank stabilization), 177, 178 (especially waterfowl), 179 (greater emphasis on; restore fragmented areas; T&E; non-game species), 198 (implement restoration for erosion), 203 (T&E and others), 204 (T&E), 211, 214, 222 (use less rip rap), 227, 229, 230, 232, 233, 234, 237, 241 (acquire land; manage non-game), 246, 247, 248, 249, 251, 255 (restoration), 270, 273 (buy more land)	73
Create wetlands	51, 71	2
Support the need for a specialized biologist	27 (waterfowl), 113 (quail management)	2
Enhance diversity	32, 37/38, 131 (via planting prairie grass), 173 (restore prairies and grasslands), 158 (introduce black bear, elk), 202 (introduce lily pads), 238	7
<b>Agriculture</b>		
Support farming practices; for wildlife food source	18, 30, 51, 53, 78, 80, 98, 164, 169, 206, 209 (including implementing a pest mgmt plan), 211, 220, 221, 224, 229, 231, 232 (no monoculture crops), 233 (no mono- crops), 275	20
Oppose agricultural practices	4, 179	2
Limit or control livestock grazing	173, 179, 255	3
Enhance grazing	209	1
<b>Industry</b>		
Oppose industrial operations, decrease industry	4, 53, 171, 172, 179, 222, 230, 232, 233, 234, 241, 248	12
Support industrial operations	18, 28, 30, 58, 61, 78 (expand into closed areas), 98, 111, 131, 184, 211, 213, 246, 275, 278	1
<b>Recreation</b>		

Support goose hunting	2, 25	2
Ban/regulate all forms of mechanical transport (especially in wilderness areas)	5, 171, 172, 173, 179, 203, 204, 214, 222 (oppose any non-wildlife related recreation), 232, 233	11
Do not permit predator control/ hunting (especially in wilderness areas)	5, 53, 237	3
Support/maintain/enhance all forms of recreation (oppose bans or restrictions)	6, 14, 16, 17, 20, 22, 29, 34, 40, 42, 50, 51, 55, 58, 61, 62, 63, 64, 69, 70, 72, 73, 75, 76, 90, 98, 101, 111, 112, 116, 132, 135, 137, 139 (including access to gravesites), 143, 161, 167, 168, 177, 178, 213, 219, 224, 228, 231, 240, 246, 248, 249, 251, 253, 259, 261, 265, 266, 274, 275	57
Control public use	173, 251	2
Oppose jet-skis, or regulate	6, 10, 20, 37/38, 58, 60, 65, 71, 80 (and skis), 85, 86b, 89 (and skis), 99, 107, 109, 114, 121, 129, 135, 136, 142, 173, 179, 198, 202, 210, 232, 233, 234, 237, 262, 275	32
Oppose ATVs	6, 37/38 (except to handicapped), 121, 148-157 (16 signatures), 173, 210 (regulate), 230 (regulate), 241	23
Oppose government-run marina	8	1
Support fishing	9, 16, 18, 29, 59, 65, 77, 97, 100, 109, 110, 126 (remove restrictions), 131, 136, 143 (enhance), 169, 207	17
Oppose fishing or regulate	81, 89 (no bass fishing for short time), 129 (place restrictions on tournaments), 173, 182 (prohibit some areas; enforce size restrictions; implement catch and release plan; start bass club), 187, 202, 210, 235, 237, 270 (keep tournaments; regulate areas and fish-offs)	11
Oppose beach closure (Wolf Creek)	10, 11, 21, 58, 59, 68, 101, 112, 265	9
Support campgrounds/ camping	12, 16, 76, 77, 89, 103, 104, 109, 136, 198	10

Oppose long-term camping	60	1
Support boating	12, 13, 16, 21, 23, 29, 35, 37/38, 57, 59, 63, 71, 78, 86b, 87, 89, 97, 103, 104, 133, 198	21
Oppose the use of all personal water craft	74, 77, 158, 241 (regulate boat traffic)	4
Regulate boating (i.e. speed limits, use areas, noise levels)	24 (11 persons signed letter), 35, 45/46/47, 48, 53, 60, 65, 68, 71, 85, 89, 94, 99, 106, 108, 129, 131, 134, 136, 143 (remove no wake signs), 148-157 (16 signatures), 162, 163 (restrict motorize vessels & instill speed limits); 179, 185, 198, 202 (list of suggestions), 207, 214, 230, 237, 238	57
Maintain existing recreational facilities (including marinas, boat ramps, restrooms, campgrounds)	15, 18, 33, 35, 40, 60, 63, 67, 78, 80, 83, 86a, 88, 90, 100, 101, 103, 104, 114, 129, 137, 182 (clean up campgrounds), 186, 191 (esp. Images Marine), 198, 207, 210, 217, 230, 232 (trails - use compatible materials), 233 (trails - use compatible materials), 244 (bike trails), 247, 254, 255, 256, 257, 265, 266, 270, 272, 273, 275	43
Support hunting	18, 59, 67 (with bow), 93 (regulate), 110 (with bow), 113, 131, 136, 146 (enhance for dove and duck), 160, 169 (for recreation and management), 173 (to manage game and wildlife), 174, 179 (for management), 189 (management), 193 (for handicapped access), 203 (to manage deer), 206, 210 (open up closed areas)	19
Support/maintain/enhance water-related recreation	19, 24 (11 persons signed letter), 39, 41, 44, 61, 66, 82, 83, 84, 200, 212, 217, 262 (except jet-skis), 269	25
Improve law enforcement	24 (11 persons signed letter), 86a, 108, 110, 202, 211, 221 (during goose season), 232, 233	19
Restrict high-impact recreation	32, 53	2
Increase low-impact recreation	32, 37/38, 53, 179 (maintain)	4
Support sailing, including racing and regattas	35, 36, 41, 54, 68, 71, 103, 104, 185, 207, 217	11

Oppose horseback riding	60, 173	2
Support Refuge tours	110, 139 (enhance), 163	3
Oppose church camps on Refuge (provide equal access)	132	1
Allow trapping	169	1
Oppose trapping	173, 237 (except for mgmt)	2
Support viewing stand	169	1
<b>Other</b>		
Minimize noise activities on Refuge, including recreation and industry	7	7
Oppose user fees; improve accessibility	10, 18, 20, 30, 62, 71, 90, 108, 124, 135, 136, 162, 208, 211 (make it equal), 216, 240, 243, 255, 266, 274	20
Improve availability of uses and accessibility (especially for handicapped)	64, 66, 69, 70, 75, 81, 85, 86a, 86b, 102, 105, 125, 147, 202, 231, 250	16
Support user fees	35, 57, 74, 89, 132 (re-direct funding toward wildlife related recreation), 237, 270	7
Expand, improve, re-open and add new facilities/activities (such as restaurants, marinas, hotels, restrooms, swimming areas, picnic areas, sailing facilities, bike trails - i.e. use abandoned railroad for trails, hiking trails, nature walks, disposal containers, roads, shooting range, dog trailing, horse trails, gas station, environmental awareness programs)	15, 20, 24 (11 persons signed letter), 37/38, 41, 45/46/47, 53, 57, 60, 61, 68, 71, 83, 86b, 88, 89, 95, 99, 101, 110, 112, 119, 126, 127, 128, 132, 134, 137, 139, 165, 172, 173 (environmental education), 177, 179 (environmental education), 180, 185 (become a National Recreation Lakes Demonstration site; develop water quality monitoring group; increase sailing; build a Playport Community building), 186, 187, 190, 192 (family day use areas), 204 (EE programs), 207 (boat facilities; implement water quality monitoring; become a National Recreation Lakes Demonstration site; long term concession agreement with COBYC), 212 (improve service), 218 (Lake Demo site), 230 (EE), 232 (EE), 233 (EE), 234 (EE), 235, 236, 237 (EE), 241 (EE), 247, 255, 260, 270 (EE), 273 (shooting range), 275	410

Oppose oil and gas production, mining, road building, quarries	148-157 (16 signatures)	16
Teach firearms safety; improve safety	85, 215 (hunters too close to homes - remove goose pit), 220 (hunters too close to homes - remove goose pit), 221 (hunters too close to homes - remove goose pit )	4
Allow “plinking”	85	1
Refuge should be “user-friendly”	26, 32, 124	3
Improve communication between public and FWS	30, 32, 57, 73, 102, 191, 211, 217, 218, 224, 230, 232, 233, 237, 247, 251, 270, 273	18
Oppose management personnel of Refuge or would like to see improvement	180, 232, 233, 240, 241, 247 (staff/funding/morale), 250, 257	8
Oppose CCP	31, 267, 268	3
Consider partnering opportunities to operate Refuge	32, 200, 207 (esp. those involved in non-wildlife dependent recreation), 207 (swap lands), 232 (esp. for restoration), 233 (restoration), 237 (expand Refuge)	7
Allow citizens and local elected officials more authority in decision-making	32, 55, 125, 185 (support Playport Advisory panel), 217 (support Playport Advisory panel), 218, 232, 233, 234, 249, 251, 270	12
Consider compatibility of 4 uses	43, 45/46/47, 79	3
Return Refuge to natural state/ intended purposes	53, 171, 173, 179, 248, 270	6
Support intended purposes for Refuge management (keep Refuge as is; keep Refuge open; or improve)	74, 77, 91, 96, 105, 115, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 123, 125, 127, 130, 135, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 144, 145, 159, 162, 164, 166 (make no decisions), 167, 170, 174, 175, 176, 181, 183, 188, 197, 199, 200, 204, 211, 216, 218 (study boundaries), 223, 225, 226, 240, 245, 252, 256, 257, 258, 263, 264, 271, 277, 279	56
Maintain Refuge uses for economic value	56, 57, 58, 61, 65, 69, 76, 78, 79, 86a, 86b, 92, 97, 98, 100, 101, 111, 116, 137, 139, 140, 161, 176, 206, 209, 212k, 228, 240, 275, 276	30

Oppose caretaker at Playport Marina	68	1
Clean up toxic areas/littered areas on Refuge	85, 107, 110, 134, 174 (remove bunkers), 273	6
Support a privately run refuge	107	1
Improve signs	110, 126, 143, 157	4
Modify mission and vision of Refuge to employ conservation practices	113, 230, 241	3
Increase amount of research studies	131, 163, 173, 202	4
Oppose private clubs	135, 136, 185 (Playport Marina), 207 (Playport Marina)	4
Change the name “Refuge” to “Federal Wildlife Management Areas”	169	1
Oppose concessions	172	1